

## Who we are...

Bloom is committed to providing treatment, care and support to individuals living with or at risk of Hepatitis C and HIV across the Region of Peel. Our dedicated team consist of a Nurse Practitioner, Counsellor, Education and Outreach Worker, Client Support Worker, and a Program Coordinator. We work collaboratively with clients to offer holistic care with the goal of improving physical, emotional and mental well being.

Bloom is located within the Bramalea Community Health Centre. Through your connection with Bloom, you will also be able to access a family doctor and diabetes team, if needed. You may also qualify to access our dental program.

## How to find us:

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We offer flexible hours, including early mornings (beginning at 8:00am), selected evenings (until 8:00pm). Closed daily from 12pm to 1pm.



*We also offer flexible appointments*

# Providing Confidential Hepatitis C and HIV Treatment, Care and Support Services



**Bloom Clinic**

# How can Bloom help?

At Bloom, we offer:

- HIV and Hepatitis C testing
- Connections with specialists and the broader healthcare system
- HIV and Hep C treatment
- Client support services such as form filling, appointment accompaniment, assistance in accessing community resources including food banks
- Individual Counselling
- Health Promotion and Education
- Outreach
- Support Groups
- Peer Support
- Referrals



## Get Tested... Get Treatment... Get Support...

Hepatitis C is a virus that attacks the liver, and can cause liver damage (cirrhosis), liver failure and liver cancer. You might also hear the Hepatitis C virus referred to as Hep C or HCV. Hep C is transmitted through blood to blood contact.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a virus that attacks the immune system, killing the CD4+ cells. These cells help the body fight off infection. HIV is transmitted through blood, vaginal and rectal fluids, breast milk and semen.

It is important for you to assess your risk as it determines if you require Hep C and/or HIV testing. The only way to find out for sure if you are infected with Hep C or HIV is by being tested. Each virus is detected by a different test, so you need both a Hep C test and HIV test.